

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 **Claim 1 (currently amended):** A portable telephone
2 comprising:
3 a sound picking up unit for picking-up external sound;
4 an audio encoding unit for encoding an audio signal of
5 the external sound picked up by the sound picking up unit
6 to audio data;
7 an encoded data storing unit for storing the audio
8 data encoded by the audio encoding unit;
9 an audio decoding unit for decoding the audio data
10 stored in the encoded data storing unit to the audio
11 signal;
12 a call receiving sound output unit for outputting the
13 audio data signal decoded by the audio decoding unit as a
14 call receiving sound; and
15 a communication control unit for switching a base
16 station, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the function of the
17 audio decoding unit is provided in another circuit block
18 that does not depend on the operation of a circuit block
19 functioning as the communication control unit.

1 **Claim 2 (currently amended):** A portable telephone
2 comprising:
3 an audio recording unit for recording an audio signal
4 of a partner to talk with;
5 an audio encoding unit for encoding the audio signal
6 recorded by the audio recording unit to audio data;
7 an encoded data storing unit for storing the audio
8 data encoded by the audio encoding unit;
9 an audio decoding unit for decoding the audio data
10 stored in the encoded data storing unit to the audio
11 signal;
12 a call receiving sound output unit for outputting the
13 audio data signal decoded by the audio decoding unit as a
14 call receiving sound; and
15 a communication control unit for switching a base
16 station, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the function of the
17 audio decoding unit is provided in another circuit block
18 that does not depend on the operation of a circuit block
19 functioning as the communication control unit.

1 **Claim 3 (original):** The portable telephone according
2 to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the audio encoding
3 unit encodes the inputted audio signal by an ADPCM system
4 and the audio decoding unit decodes the inputted audio data
5 by the ADPCM system.

1 **Claim 4 (currently amended):** The portable telephone
2 according to claim 1, 2 or 3, ~~characterized in that, 1 or~~
3 2, wherein a noise component removing unit is provided for
4 removing ~~the-a~~ noise component of the audio signal inputted
5 to the audio encoding unit.

1 **Claim 5 (currently amended):** The portable telephone
2 according to claim 1, 2 or 3, ~~characterized in that, 1 or~~
3 2, wherein a musical scale adjusting unit is provided for
4 adjusting ~~the-a~~ musical scale of the audio signal inputted
5 to the audio encoding unit.